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## LITTLE JAPS SPEAKS

KOMURA ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE BREAKS LONG SILENCE.

Baron is Deeply Grateful for Kindness and Courtesy Extended Him. Says Japan Will Help Commercial Development.

New York, Sept. 27.—Baron Komura, Japanese peace plenipotentiary, who will start for Japan tomorrow, gave to the Associated Press tonight the first authentic interview since he has been in this country on the peace mission and which, he said, would be the last one. He feels deeply grateful for many courtesies and kindnesses extended during his visit and commended highly President Roosevelt's successful efforts in bringing about peace. The baron said:

"In leaving this country for home I feel it my duty to express to the people of the United States through the medium of the Associated Press an assurance of my sincere appreciation of the respect, courtesy and friendliness shown me during my stay here. I am especially grateful for the many inquiries received from all quarters during my recent illness and I go home with a most vivid recollection of the good will and friendliness of the American people for Japan, which I am convinced has grown immensely, both numerically and in intensity."

"Availing myself of this occasion, I deem it fit that I should express my highest appreciation of the disinterested, energetic and selfless efforts of the President for the successful initiation and consummation of peace, and to him humanity owes a debt of deep gratitude."

"As a result of the war Japan will undoubtedly secure a well recognized position in the Far East. I have, however, no hesitation in affirming that there will be no break in the continuity of Japan's foreign policy. Steadily and firmly adhering to the policy of peaceful expansion in commerce and industry, Japan will devote her energies with renewed vigor to the development of her national resources."

"She will continue, as in the past, scrupulously to protect the acquired rights and legitimate interest of the powers in the Far East; nor will she attempt to interfere in the least with the logical and legitimate development of those interests. In her pursuit of commercial and industrial expansion Japan will count on the co-operation of the United States, whose interests in the Far East are deeply identical with her own and whose traditional friendship for Japan has fresh confirmation in the appreciative and sympathetic attitude maintained by the American people throughout the tremendous struggle in which Japan has engaged."

"It is my sincere hope and belief that the relations between the great republic and the empire of the East, which are based on actual sympathy and identical interests, will continue to grow in strength and solidarity."

Baron Komura and party will leave this city over the New York Central railroad at 9:45 o'clock tomorrow morning for Montreal, where they will proceed to Vancouver over the Canadian Pacific line.

No other stops than those caused in switching will be made and it is expected to reach Vancouver on the morning of Oct. 2. The party will board the steamship Empress of India and sail for Japan that day.

**A TYPHOON HITS MANILA**

SOME KILLED—HUNDREDS HURT. THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

Native Districts Swept Away—City in Darkness—Believed That Shipping Had Warning But Fears Are Entertained.

New York, Sept. 28.—The Evening Sun has a dispatch from Manila reporting a destructive typhoon in that city. The native district were swept away and thousands of persons are killed and five Filipinos were killed and 200 persons injured. Hundreds of buildings were unroofed. Thousands of electric light wires were blown down, filling the streets with flames until the current was turned off.

The city was in darkness when the dispatch was sent and all street traffic was suspended. It was believed that shipping in the bay had had warning of the approach of the storm, but up to the time the dispatch was sent the ships were invisible on account of rain and had not communicated with the shore.

**Children Find Dead Baby.**

Guthrie, Ok., Sept. 27.—The body of a young child, wrapped in cheese cloth and a flour sack and with a paper box for a coffin, was unearthed from a shallow grave near Ringwood yesterday. It was found by the children of Frank Pope while playing and they reported the find to their parents. A coroner's inquest has revealed nothing regarding the child's parents.

**Franco-German Agreement.**

Paris, Sept. 28.—Premier Bouvier and Prince Van Radolin, the German ambassador, today signed the Franco-German accord concerning the Moroccan conference thus definitely terminating the difficult negotiations.

## CORNER STONE LAYING.

Impressive Ceremonies at Mannsville by Masonic Fraternity.

Mannsville, I. T., Sept. 28.—Quite a number from the Ardmore Masonic lodge and from half a dozen other lodges convened at Mannsville yesterday to assist the Mannsville lodge in the laying of the corner stone ceremony. The Masons here are building a handsome two-story structure, the upper story will be used as a Masonic temple. The ceremonies of the corner stone laying were conducted yesterday by A. Eddleman, worshipful master of Ardmore Lodge No. 31.

The attendance was very good. The Masons assembled in the old hall and marched in regular order to the northeast corner of the new building. The procession was led by the Mannsville band which played an appropriate march.

Mr. Eddleman was ably assisted in the ceremonies by Ed L. Jones of the Ardmore lodge and visiting brethren from Tishomingo.

A very impressive feature of the ceremonies was the part taken by Uncle Joe Mulkey. He was the oldest Mason in the assemblage and he served in the ceremonies as chaplain.

"This town is improving nicely. Two brick business houses are nearing completion and the foundations for two more have been laid. The First National bank building is under construction."

Many union farmers are in town. They gave a public entertainment here yesterday and today. Some interesting speeches were made.

## GREATEST EXPLOSION

EIGHTY TONS OF DYNAMITE ON SUNKEN SHIPS.

In Suez Canal—Deemed Expedient That Dangerous Condition Be Removed—Extraordinary Precautionary Methods Taken.

New York, Sept. 28.—Intense excitement prevails at Port Said consequent on the decision to blow up the steamship Chatham, which was sunk in the Suez Canal some weeks ago, while on fire, says a Herald dispatch from Alexandria. There is eighty tons of dynamite in the Chatham's cargo.

The town will be damaged to an extent is considered unlikely, the vessel being nearly twelve miles distant.

Batteries for the explosion are already fixed at Kantara, which is fourteen miles distant from the ship.

Among the preparations made the railway authorities have one thousand bags of sand ready for repairs and a large staff of workmen have been engaged, as the fresh water channel has been diverted 222 yards. Canal traffic ceases on Wednesday evening.

The dynamite on board the Chatham will be the greatest amount ever blown up at one explosion.

Thirty tons of dynamite were exploded in 1893 on board a ship anchored at Santander, killing 600 people and injuring over 2,000.

Thursday's explosion will be far bigger, but the canal runs through the open desert at the point in question and all necessary precautions have been taken.

**DANGEROUS THREATS.**

Of Negroes May Lead to Trouble in Comanche County.

The Lawton Democrat says there is some talk of a race war in the eastern portion of Comanche county, growing out of the shooting and killing of a negro woman in that vicinity a week or so ago by W. F. Alexander, a white man. It seems the negroes have been threatening to "get even with the whites," and this kind of talk is decidedly unwholesome, as it is liable to lead to several nigger funerals, Mr. Alexander has a large number of friends in the eastern portion of the county, and is quite popular, and the threats of the negroes against him are stirring up an all feeling. The Duncan Banner of last week says:

"We learn from several parties who were in town this week, that Zeka Moss, brother of the woman killed, has publicly threatened to kill Alexander on sight. This state of affairs is no good omen for the peace and safety of negroes living in that community, and will work a hardship on the peaceably inclined negro population in that neighborhood, if not in the whole county."

**INDORSED BY REPUBLICAN CLUB.**

South McAlester Organization Shows Its Preference.

South McAlester, I. T., Sept. 28.—The South McAlester Republican club here tonight indorsed Hon. Ralph E. Campbell of this city for appointment as United States Attorney for the Central District of the Indian Territory, to succeed Hon. J. H. Wilkins, whose term expires in January. Mr. Wilkins is a candidate for re-appointment. Hon. W. H. H. Clayton was indorsed for re-appointment to succeed himself as judge of the Central district of the Indian Territory. Judge Clayton's term expires in December.

**Bank Burglarized in Illinois.**

Calro, Ill., Sept. 28.—Burglars early today entered the private bank of C. D. Burnett & Sons of Eldorado and wrecked the vault. They carried off between eight and ten thousand dollars in currency and gold. Many shots were exchanged between the burglars but none took effect.

## REPUCLICANS GREAT RALLY

DEMOCRATS HELP SWELL THE RANKS TO HEAR OWNBY.

The Court House Was Packed and the Paris Attorney Sustained His Reputation as an Orator in Every Line—Was Big Event.

It was a great night in the Republican ranks and complete harmony marked the occasion throughout. The court house was literally packed with an enthusiastic throng and chairs were placed in the hall way, so great was the crowd. Quite a number of ladies attended the rally and seemed to greatly appreciate the speakers' efforts.

Long before the scheduled time for the speaking the federal building was well filled and when Judge Humphrey introduced the chief speaker of the evening, Hon. J. W. Ownby of Paris, he faced an intelligent and enthusiastic audience, who never seemed to tire under the oratory of the speaker.

The speaker's stand was draped in the national colors and looked very attractive and patriotic. In front of the stand was an immense American flag, which also lent attractiveness to the scene.

Assistant District Attorney Humphrey introduced Judge Ownby, a former townsman of Ardmore, in a neat speech.

It may be said that those who attended the rally were amply compensated. Aside from the oratorical efforts of Judge Ownby the speech was full of interesting facts. He reviewed at length the industrial condition of the South and the rapid progress it has made since the civil war. His tribute to the Southland was quite sufficient to enthrall the gathering and he was liberally applauded as he pictured existing conditions. As a word painter, he excels. His metaphors flow the listener. Above all, his argument in pleasing rhythm that fairly charms is so convincing that it would seem difficult to answer it and the impression that he made last evening cannot be recalled without paying tribute to the speaker. The advancement of the Republican party was commented upon. "As commerce dictates the economic policy of every nation," he said, "the Republican party dictates a policy of wisdom and of prosperity for the people." "We are the greatest and most prosperous people in foreign face of the earth. Poverty is foreign to us, we are making great advancement in the South, but the millennium has not been reached." As he thus spoke of the future of the Southland, he seemed to reach the climax of his oratorical effort.

Judge Ownby attributes the prosperous condition of the country to the policies and principles of the Republican party. "A star may fall from the heavens, leaders will die, but new stars and new leaders will take their place. The principles of the Republican party will never die."

The speaker paid a magnificent tribute to President Roosevelt and made passing reference to statehood. Judge Ownby is in favor of joint statehood and would have probably discussed the proposition, but for his other subjects under discussion.

The rally was held under the auspices of the Lincoln club and the arrangements made were excellent for the big event.

After the speaking Judge Ownby was entertained with a luncheon. He departed for home last night, well pleased with his visit to Ardmore.

**CONGRESSMAN CONVICTED.**

With His Partners—Subornation or Perjury Was the Charge.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 28.—An appeal was filed today in the cases of Congressman J. N. Williamson, D. R. Vangosness, his partner in the live stock business, and Marion R. Biggs, a lawyer, who were convicted by a jury last night of subornation of perjury in securing men to fraudulently locate on government land. The penalty is a fine of from one thousand to ten thousand dollars and imprisonment not exceeding two years.

**TROUBLE AT DURWOOD.**

J. F. Barnes of that Place Receives Blow on Head—Rent Trouble.

In a difficulty at Durwood yesterday between Henry Taylor, a Mississippi Choctaw and J. F. Barnes, a well known citizen of that section, the latter was struck on the head with an oak scumling, inflicting a very painful wound. It was feared for a time that Mr. Barnes was seriously hurt, but after some little time, it is said, he rallied from the effects of the blow.

Deputy Havens, who was called to Durwood, said that the trouble arose between the two men over rent. It was alleged that Taylor, who is an intelligent Choctaw, claimed that Barnes owed him for rent on a strip of land near Durwood. This Barnes disputed and asked the Indian to show his authority to collect the money said to be due. A dispute or argument followed, which resulted in the affray as stated.

Havens brought Taylor to Ardmore and placed him in jail on a charge of assault. He will probably be given an examining trial today. The Indian speaks English fluently and frequently acts as an interpreter for the Choctaws.

## ALLOTMENTS FOR APACHES

IMPROVEMENTS AT FT. SILL MA. CAUSE REMOVAL.

Great Things Are Planned—The Old Fort May Become an Important Artillery Post—\$200,000 Already Appropriated.

Lawton, Okla., Sept. 27.—The report has gained circulation here that the Apache Indians, now kept as prisoners of war upon the Fort Sill military reservation, are to be soon moved from their present place of abode in order to give the war department at the Fort Sill post room for military maneuvers on a much greater scale than they have ever been carried on in the great southwest in the past history.

At present there are four troops of cavalry regularly located at this post, and also six batteries are stationed at Fort Sill during the summer and fall to practice with the new guns recently purchased by the government. They are making some very fine shots with these new cannon.

Already nearly \$200,000 has been appropriated for the improvement and enlargement of Fort Sill. This money has never been expended, and it is believed that the reason this has not been spent is because the congress that will set this winter will be asked to make the appropriation much greater and enlarge the post to a regular military fort. Of all the forts in the United States, Fort Sill is acknowledged by all the leading army officers to be the best naturally equipped of any in the union. General Miles made his famous ride from Fort Sill to El Reno, Okla., on July 14, 1905, a distance of ninety miles, in ten hours and twenty minutes. The ride was made just prior to his retirement and one of the last things he recommended before going out of office was that Fort Sill be made a maneuvering post.

This post is well watered, has plenty of timber for all purposes, has the Wichita forest reserve joining it and belonging to the government, has plenty of rolling prairie so that any part of an army may be in hiding from the other troops, and has a plain over which a cannon may be fired for ten miles, and the Wichita mountains used as a background. In case that congress sees fit to appropriate an amount large enough to enlarge the post, these Indians will have to receive quarters at some other point. It has been suggested that in the event these Indians were moved to their old allowed to go back to their old stamping grounds, Arizona. But it is more probable that they will be moved to the eastern part of Comanche county in the wood reserve, where they will be allotted reservations and at the same time kept under the control of the military officials.

## TERRITORY SCHOOLS

ADDITIONAL LIST WHICH EMBRACES FEDERAL AID.

Government Funds are Really Exhausted, but Teachers Will be Apointed as Soon as Applications are Made.

Tishomingo, I. T., Sept. 28, 1905. Since a previous report the following schools have been approved for aid. We are not receiving any further petitions as the limit of our funds is already reached and many already received must be denied.

Teachers will be supplied as soon as appointments can be made. Will papers in Chickasaw nation please publish each of these as will be reached by them.

GEO. BECK, Supervisor.

School Postoffice.  
McMillan, Ballard Chapel, Tishomingo  
Erin Springs, Friendship, Center  
Milo, Shelton, Colbert  
Hart, Jerusalem, Womack  
Woolsey, Leader, Conway  
Willis, Union, Burneyville  
Alex, Prairie View, Provench  
Hempden, Mt. Olive, Glenn  
Fleetwood, Pilgrims Rest, Wynnewood  
Reagan, Elm Grove, Pontotoc  
Bob, St. Matthews, Mead  
Ara, Mt. Pleasant, Berwyn  
Connersville, Shiloh, Springer  
Mead, Caddo, Springer  
Pontotoc, Union Hill, Ada  
Wiley, Poland Chapel, Ardmore  
Provench, Jehovah, Milo  
Elk, Criner Creek, Lindsay  
Sneed, Overbrook

**Another Advance in Standard Oil.**

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 28.—Standard Oil today again advanced the price of all grades of crude oil, except Raglan. The higher grades were raised five cents and the lower grades two cents.

Ever notice how the big flies avoid fly paper? It is the same with the really big men. They are seldom caught.

Defeat is often a good thing, as it shows a man how little he amounts to.

If you don't like certain persons, how you hate to hear their money rattle.

## DELIGHTFUL TURNER FALLS.

Visitors To This Now Famous Resort Declare It a Most Beautiful Spot.

Davis, I. T., Sept. 28.—(Special).—Hon. A. H. Museller and wife, accompanied by some New York gentlemen, have just returned here from Turner falls, the great Archuleta resort near here. Mr. Museller is register of the Alva, Oklahoma Land office and had read all kinds of reports about Turner falls. When seen today by your correspondent said: "We were simply delighted with the falls. I supposed published reports of this famous resort at Davis had been somewhat overdrawn, but I can assure my friends that it is even more beautiful than represented. I am surprised that the government did not reserve the lands along Honey Creek around Turner falls, instead of the place on Rock Creek."

The "Ten Thousand Club" of Davis has prepared descriptive literature of Turner Falls and expect to make this mountain resort one of the great health and pleasure resorts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Hon. J. G. Root of New York City who has been camping at Turner Falls for the past ten days, says it is the most picturesque spot he ever saw. Mr. Root will return soon to New York and expects to secure several of his friends as stockholders in the "Fia and Feather Club" soon to be built at Turner Falls.

Here is one sign that you are talking too much—when your listener tries to pull away from you.

## ALARMED AT TREATY

ANGLO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT DISLIKED IN RUSSIA.

Think too Much Freedom is Allowed. They Believe the Signers Will Act With a Free Hand in Realm of the Far East.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 27.—The first comment heard here as the result of the perusal of the long-expected text of the Anglo-Japanese treaty can be conservatively characterized with the word "alarming." It was fully expected that it would prove to be a very significant and important document. The first study not only confirmed this view but strengthened it.

It is too soon yet to give any full report of how it was received in Russia, and when officials were questioned on the subject today the invariable answer was that it was too soon to express any opinion on such a weighty and important matter. But there was no doubt that the first opinion of the treaty is a fearsome one. It is considered to be most broad and far-reaching.

The use of the terms "Protection of common interests" and "measures which should be taken," are regarded here as being open to any interpretation the signatories desire to give to them. Coupled with the use of the words, "East Asia," apparently applying to all Asia east of India, including the East Indian Islands and Indo-China, they are considered to prove clearly that the signatories' purpose is to act in the part of the world specified with the freest kind of hand.

"This conviction can not but create alarm in Russia."

**SEQUOYAH STATEHOOD REFUSES**

To Enter Into Debate With Single State Men—Letter in Part.

Muskogee, I. T., Sept. 28.—H. G. Baker, chairman of the Sequoyah campaign committee, has made official reply to the letter from the secretary of the single state executive committee, refusing to meet the separate state speakers in joint debate except under certain conditions. Judge Baker's letter in part says: "Our challenge was not issued in a bantering or antagonistic spirit, but believing that we all want statehood and that we differ only as to the kind of statehood that can soonest be obtained and will be most beneficial to the people of Indian Territory, we had hoped that your speakers and ours might meet and frankly discuss the subject that the citizens of Indian Territory might hear the good points of both sides and use their own judgment as to which they thought would be best and we will hope that in communities where we hold meetings that your speakers will be with us and engage in frank and friendly discussion to the end of thorough enlightenment."

**FELL FROM PLATFORM.**

George Head of Ardmore Receives Numerous Injuries.

A man giving his name as George Head, of Ardmore, I. T., fell from a platform on Pacific avenue near Akard street last night and was severely cut about the head. His forehead above the left eye was gashed for about two inches, another cut was at the other side of his forehead and another on the top of his head. Assistant city physician Hannah was called to attend him and found it necessary to take him to a number of stitches. The place in the street where he fell was very dark and it is thought that he stepped off the platform thinking it was on a level with the street. He fell about six feet.

If a woman is romantic after she passes 30, she should keep it to herself.

## BAPTISTS DO NOT UNITE

CONVENTION OF TWO TERRITORIES REJECT FUSION.

The Leading Point of Discussion Was Prohibition in Event of Statehood. If Conditions Warrant Next Year May Consolidate

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 27.—After it had been practically conceded that consolidation was inevitable, a four hours' discussion of the matter was followed by a vote on the proposition last night and because the vote was so close the two conventions of the Baptist church in session here decided not to combine at this time, but postponed the matter until at least next year. The question was debated from every viewpoint, and every time a point was scored in favor of combination, some one in opposition had an argument to offer that carried a logical conviction. When the vote was finally taken it resulted 69 to 57 against. The minority was so large that on motion it was decided to reconsider the matter which resulted in the action as stated above.

Much argument in which the prohibition question was frequently mentioned was used by the Indian Territory portion. Should statehood be secured this winter it might be a question whether prohibition would go in the constitution, and should it fall Indian Territory would be at the mercy of the liquor traffic the same as Oklahoma. By a combination of the two conventions at this time, they would stand by the consequences. They are opposed to take any action now that might result to their dislike later on. Again, many of their churches in the Indian Territory are not ready now to come into conditions the like of which would be necessitated under a union with Oklahoma.

The convention will continue under separate organization, as before, and should conditions warrant consolidation next year, it will be done then. They will probably be in session during the remainder of the week, as there is much work to be done. Reports of officers, missions both local and foreign, will be attended to. Rev. W. H. Williams, of Richmond, Va., arrived this morning and will remain throughout the sessions. Officers for the ensuing year have been elected as follows: Oklahoma—Rev. M. P. Hunt, Kansas City, corresponding secretary and general field missionary; Rev. J. A. Scott, Beaver county, president of the convention; L. W. Marks, Edmund, recording secretary.

Indian Territory—President, E. D. Cameron, South McAlester; two vice presidents, A. G. Washburn, of South McAlester and S. B. Bennett, of Chickasaw.

**Witte Arrives Home.**

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—Envoy Witte arrived here today and was accorded a hearty reception by a large crowd of officials and others. An address presented to the statesman said among other things: "You have accomplished your difficult task, and the nation is grateful to you." Witte, who was deeply moved, said in reply that he had performed his duty well, because he had strictly obeyed his majesty's instructions.

**COMMISSION APPOINTED**

CHEROKEE COUNCIL SELECTS WINDING-UP COMMISSION.

To Provide for Closing the Nation's Affairs—New Proposition Advanced—Intermarried Whites May be Able to Secure Allotments.

Tablequah, I. T., Sept. 28.—The Cherokee national council has passed a bill creating a commission of four, to be appointed by Chief Rogers, to wind up the affairs of the nation. A fight was made to reduce this commission to one man, but this failed.

This afternoon a bill was introduced by Joe M. Laffay, president of the council, to allow the commissioners \$15 per day while they are actually engaged in making the settlement for the nation, until the total reaches \$1,000 for each of the commissioners. This per diem is being opposed by the council members. They think it is too much.

A committee is now drafting the bill which will be presented to the council agreeing to compromise the intermarried white citizenship case. This bill will provide that the nation will withdraw its protest to admitting the intermarried whites and give them allotments provided they pay the appraised value of their allotments. The average appraisement is \$325 per allotment.

**Big Advance in Kansas Oil.**

Chanute, Kas., Sept. 28.—Prairie Oil and Gas company today announced a sensational advance of ten cents per barrel on fuel oil. This will help Chanute, Humboldt and other oil districts in the south-western fields. The present schedule follows: Oil of 32 degrees gravity, fifty-one cents; 31½ degrees at forty-eight cents; 31 degrees, forty-five cents; 29½ degrees, thirty-nine cents; fuel oil thirty cents.

**The Ardmoreite sells coupon books.**